

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 ^{Sub B} 1. (Once Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered
2 ceramic substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

Q2 3 forming a shrinkage suppression sheet on at least one face [both
4 faces] of an unfired green sheet laminated body;

5 firing said green sheet laminated body on which said shrinkage
6 suppression sheet is formed on the [its both] at least one face [faces]; and

7 removing said shrinkage suppression sheet by spraying at least
8 one of ceramic powder and water together with compressed air onto said
9 shrinkage suppression sheet on [both] the at least one face [faces] of said
10 green sheet laminated body after firing.

1 2. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-
2 layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein said ceramic powder
3 is made [of the same] from a material, said material being the same as [the
4 main constituent of] a material used [for] in said shrinkage suppression sheet.

1 3. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-
2 layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein the shrinkage
3 suppression sheet has a sintering temperature [of said shrinkage suppression
4 sheet] which is higher than a [the] sintering temperature of said green sheet
5 laminated body.

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1 4. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-
2 layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein [the pressure of] said
3 compressed air has a pressure [is] between 3.0 and 5.5 kgf/cm².

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1 7. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-
2 layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein said shrinkage

3 suppression sheet is formed on both faces of said unfired green sheet
4 laminated body and at least one of said ceramic powder and water is sprayed
5 together with compressed air onto said shrinkage suppression sheet on both
6 faces of said green sheet laminated body simultaneously after firing.

1 8. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-
2 layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein said [sprayed]
3 ceramic powder is collected, after spraying, for reuse [in spraying].

1 Sub 2 9. (Once Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-
2 layered ceramic substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

3 forming a [in which a] shrinkage suppression sheet [is formed]
4 on [both] two faces of an unfired [laminated] green [sheets] sheet laminated
5 body;

6 [before] firing said green sheet laminated body; and

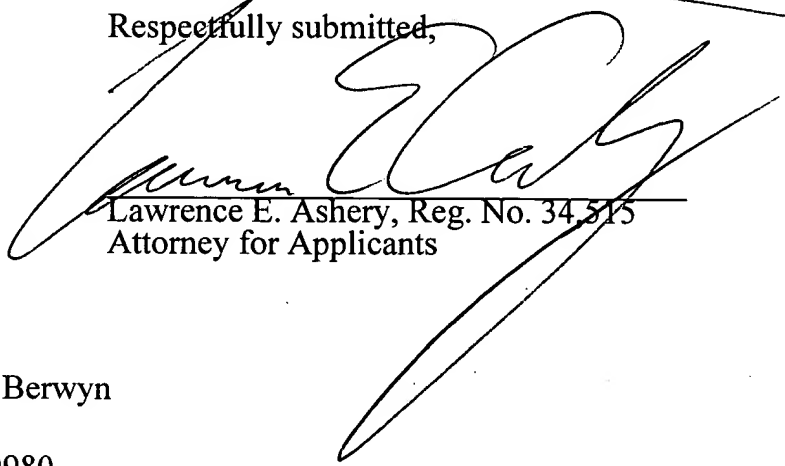
7 [, and said] removing said shrinkage suppression [sheets] sheet
8 [is removed after sintering; wherein said shrinkage suppression sheet is
9 removed] by spraying at least one of water, ceramic powder, and a mixture of
10 ceramic powder and water together with compressed air onto at least one of
11 the two faces of said green sheet laminated body, after firing.

1 10. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-
2 layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 9, wherein the [pressure of said]
3 compressed air has a pressure [is] between 3.0 and 5.5 kgf/cm².

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1 13. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-
2 layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 9, wherein said ceramic powder
3 is made of a material, said material being the same as a material used in said
4 shrinkage suppression sheet [The method for manufacturing a multi-layered
5 ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 9, wherein said ceramic powder mixed
6 with said compressed air and water is made of the same material as the main
7 constituent of a material used for said shrinkage suppression sheet].

Respectfully submitted,

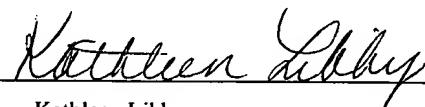

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